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FM AMEMBASSY ROME

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INFO AMEMBASSY ATHENS

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SUBJECT: CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR NASA LEAR JET (PROJECT PORCUPINE)

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1. COMMERCIAL FUEL SUPPLIERS AT ROME/CIAMPINO AIRPORT HAVE ONLY RPT ONLY JP1 FULE. NONE OF THEM HAS EVER HEARD OF FUEL ADDITIVE QTE PRIST UNQTE. POWER CART IS AVAILABLE. HANGER FACILITIES AT CIAMPINO LIMITED AND AVAILABLE ONLY THROUGH ITALIAN AIR FORCE.

2. IS JP-1, WHICH IS COMMERCIAL EQUIVALENT OF JP-4 AND USED AT ROME/CIAMPINO BY USAF AND NAVY AIRCRAFT, SATISFACTORY? FUEL ADDITIVE QTE PRIST UNQTE PRESUMABLY UNAVAILABLE, SINCE FUEL SUPPLIERS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE NAME; IF DESCRIPTION/ ADDITIONAL INFO AVAILABLE EMBASSY CAN PURSUE MATTER FURTHER. IF STOP AT ROME IS FOR REFUELING ONLY, WILL HANGER FACILITIES BE REQUIRED? IN ANY CASE, SECURITY IN RAMP PARKING AREA, UNCLASSIFIED

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WHICH NORMALLY UNDER CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE BY ITALIAN SECURITY

PERSONNEL, PROBABLY GREATER THAN INSIDE HANGERS.

3. EMBASSY HAS NOT YET APPROACHED CIVILAVIA FOR CLEARANCE IN VIEW OF PROBLEMS NOTED ABOVE, WHICH MAY REQUIRE SOME CHANGE IN PLANNED ITINERARY. PLEASE NOTE THAT ROME/FIUMICINO AIRPORT RESERVED FOR SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL SERVICES.

4. PLEASE ADVISE.VOLPE

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